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For: **COLLECTIONS OF BINDING PROTEINS  
AND TAGS AND USES THEREOF FOR  
NESTED SORTING AND HIGH  
THROUGHPUT SCREENING**

Art Unit: 1645  
Examiner: Unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend the drawings according to the attached figures, on which the amendments are indicated in red ink. Specifically, in Figures 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14B-D, and 15-18 please amend the shading as indicated on the hand-annotated pages. In Figure 3, please add a column of wells as indicated on the hand-annotated page.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

**Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 1, line 20, through page 2, line 16, with the following paragraphs:**

**Genomics and proteomics**

*The Human Genome Project* has generated an avalanche of genomic data. Unraveling this data will increase the understanding of biology and